

GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN...The end of the year is always a good time to reflect on the accomplishments and challenges of the past 12 months. During 2004 the State Library has continued to focus on its mission to improve library services for all New Hampshire citizens. During the last year the State Library, like all state agencies, and many public libraries, faced difficult budgetary challenges. Our goal during this period was, to the extent possible, insulate our clients from the impact of cuts to the State Library's operating funds. The State Library has made a conscious effort to identify those services that we provide that are essential for the libraries in the state to serve their patrons. The services that we feel are critical to public libraries include the union catalog, free access to full-text databases, and free delivery of library materials. In addition to these high visibility programs, there are a number of very important programs that help libraries as well, such as Library Development Services, the Family Resource Connection, and the reference services of the State Library. We will continue to face budgetary challenges, however, I feel confident that we will be able to weather them and provide the services that the libraries in New Hampshire have come to expect.

This year the New Hampshire library community lost a great librarian who has had an impact on New Hampshire libraries as great as any librarian I know. On November 3rd, Todd Trevorow, University Librarian at Plymouth State University, died suddenly of an aneurysm while on the highway in Canterbury, N.H. Those who worked with Todd, since he came to New Hampshire in 1993, had come to know him as an intelligent thoughtful man who was always willing to help. At a memorial service held on December 9th, at Plymouth, Todd was remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, which he used to great advantage to put people at ease. He was also recognized as a true gentleman, one who was never petty or mean spirited. Todd always saw the good in people and was always quick to give praise to others for a job well done. The Staff of the Lamson Library spoke of his devotion to his colleagues and his commitment to make Plymouth State University the best it could be. In a fitting tribute, the University has named the Tower Room at Plymouth State University,

Lamson Library in Todd's memory. The University has also established a scholarship fund to help interns who work in the library. As I said in my remarks at the memorial service, "We in the library community are all saddened by Todd's passing, however, I feel very fortunate having had the opportunity to work with Todd while he was at Plymouth State even if it was for too brief a time."

The Staff of the N.H. State Library wishes you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

-Michael York, State Librarian

NHU-PAC NEWS DÉJÀ

NHU-PAC News is an occasional electronic bulletin sent out on the NHAIS-L and NHAIS-ILL listservs from NHAIS Services about the NHU-PAC. Each of these items originally appeared as part of that publication but have been selected as being worth repeating.

Terminate Terminal Punctuation ~ Avoid terminal punctuation marks in your keyword searches. If you include the final exclamation point in "Awake! Aware! Alive!" you won't get any results. If you include the question mark in "What's the matter with Kansas?" you'll get nothing. The other punctuation marks don't matter - but putting a punctuation mark at the end of your keyword search string may cause a searching error.

Gone Fishin' ~ If your library will be closed for a break, don't forget to let NHAIS Services know the range of dates you'll be out. We can set your account so the check box will not be available next to your library's name when borrowers are choosing lenders. Be sure to include your library's name and HSA code as well as relevant dates when contacting us at NetworkS@library.state.nh.us.

Find It Without an ISBN ~ How do you find the right record for a CD when there's no ISBN to go by? There's always the title, of course, but if it's "Symphony No. 5," that gives you hundreds of hits. Performers and composers may be searched as authors, but an advanced search for the title "Symphony No. 5" and author "Beethoven" still yields dozens of hits. Many CDs and videos have a publisher's catalog number on them which may be entered in a "Music # is" keyword search available on the Boolean and Non-Print subtabs of the Advanced Searching tab. Make sure you leave spaces where they appear in the numbers. The "Numbers appearing on materials" browse search is another option which may be the most efficient for cataloging these materials. The search, available on the Browse Indexes subtabs of both the Welcome and NHU-PAC and Advanced Searching tabs, lets you enter any number you find on the packaging to see if a matching record comes up. The CD "Chicken soup for the soul Christmas" has the UPC 081227593025 and publisher number R2 75930. Entering either of those numbers in the "Numbers appearing on materials" browse search will bring up a browse list starting with the matching record. You may also enter just the start of those numbers "useful if you have a number with challenging punctuation) and look down the results list for your match. ISBNs, ISSN's, and LCCNs are not included in "Numbers appearing on materials" searches but patent numbers, copyright registration numbers, UPCs, distributor/publisher numbers, CODENs, report numbers, SuDoc numbers, GPO item numbers, and grant numbers are. That makes it a useful search tool for cataloging government documents as well as audiovisual materials.

Not including Not ~ Don't use NOT as the first word in a keyword search unless it's enclosed in quotation marks. If you search for the title NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER, no matches will be found. If you search for "NOT WITHOUT MY DAUGHTER" you'll get results with that exact string in either the title or contents fields.

What's in a Name? ~ The Network Services section of the State Library has a new name: NHAIS Services. This name better reflects the work done in this section and eliminates confusion with the Network Services section of the state's new Office of Information Technology. The OIT staff deals with routers and hubs and cables, we deal with NHAIS. You can still reach us at the same e-mail addresses and phone numbers. You may hear a little stumbling as we try to say "NHAIS Help Desk" instead of "Network Services" when you call 271-2141 and you'll see the old name on some printed materials as we use up existing supplies, but we hope that you are not otherwise inconvenienced by this change.

CENTER FOR THE BOOK AT THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

by Mary Russell
NHAIS Services

From the Director's Desk... The ballots have been cast and the votes counted (all 14,313 of them!) and *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza is the winner of the 2004 Ladybug Picture Book Award. Sponsored by the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library, the Ladybug Picture Book Award was established in 2003 to promote early literacy and honor the best in recent children's picture books.

Voting for the Ladybug Picture Book Award occurred during Children's Book Week in November. Children from pre-school through the 3rd grade were eligible to vote, and more than 100 New Hampshire preschools, elementary schools and public libraries participated in the voting. Here are the complete results:

- ✓ *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza ~ 2,445 votes
- ✓ *Diary of a Worm* by Doreen Cronin, pictures by Harry Bliss ~ 2,402 votes
- ✓ *Tub-boo-boo* by Margie Palatin, illustrated by Glin Dibley ~ 2,367 votes
- ✓ *Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook* by Michael Garland ~ 2,039 votes
- ✓ *How I Became a Pirate* by Melinda Long & David Shannon ~ 1,563 votes
- ✓ *Buster* by Denise Fleming ~ 1,212 votes
- ✓ *Hey Pancakes!* words by Tamson Weston, pictures by Stephen Gammell ~ 684 votes
- ✓ *Bob* by Tracey Campbell Pearson ~ 630 votes
- ✓ *A Frog in the Bog* by Karma Wilson & Joan Rankin ~ 542 votes
- ✓ *One Dark Night* by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Ivan Bates ~ 429 votes.



It is appropriate that voting for the Ladybug Picture Book Award occurs in the same month as Thanksgiving, because the Center for the Book at the New Hampshire State Library had a lot of Ladybug stuff to be thankful for.

- ✓ The 2004 Ladybug Picture Book Award was supported by a generous donation from the Toadstool Bookshops. Thanks to this support we were able to create "I voted" stickers and spine labels for use by participating libraries and schools. Over 16,000 voting stickers and 7,500-plus spine labels were sold to schools and libraries this year. Visit our website to see what they look like and to order your stickers for next year.
- ✓ Thanks to an anonymous donation we were able to make available for loan a set of the nominated titles for 2004. Eight different schools/libraries borrowed the set during the summer for about two weeks each.
- ✓ Thanks to donations from the publishers of the nominated titles, we were able to give a complete set of the nominated books to the Russell School in Rumney ~ their ballot was drawn at random from the Ladybug ballots received for the 2003 Award. A second set of nominated books was raffled off at the CHILIS Spring Conference and went to the Sandown Public Library. Thank you to everyone (nearly 90 people) who bought raffle tickets to benefit the Center for the Book at the NHSL.
- ✓ Thanks to Ann Hoey, and a committee of New Hampshire children's librarians, we had a great list of picture books for 2004 and they are already at work putting together the list for 2005. To be considered for nomination, a picture book has to meet the following criteria: it must be published within the last three years, it must be in print, either the book's author or illustrator must be from the United States, it must have strong child appeal, it must have artistic quality with text that supports the illustrations, and it must not have been previously nominated for a Ladybug Picture Book Award. If you would like to suggest a book, or to find out what has been nominated previously, visit the Ladybug Picture Book Award web page at www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/ladybug.html.
- ✓ Last, but not least, thanks to all the libraries and schools who have made the Ladybug Picture Book Award an exciting event for New Hampshire children!

N.H. STATE LIBRARY WELCOMES BACK JOHN BARRETT

The State Library would like to welcome back John Barrett as Supervisor of the Talking Books Program that provides library services to the blind and others physically unable to read printed materials. John previously worked at the State Library as a public library consultant, State Data Coordinator, and LSTA Coordinator in Library Development Services from 1989 to 2000.

John was appointed library director for the Town of Windham, N.H. in 2000. He served in that position for three years. John focused most of his attention during 2004 on completing his duties as President of the New England Library Association.

John can be reached at (603) 271-1498 or e-mail at jbarrett@library.state.nh.us.

2005 N.H. SUMMER READING PROGRAM

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Consultant
N.H. State Library

"Camp Wanna Read" is the theme for the 2005 N.H. Summer Reading Program. Look for information about ordering t-shirts, posters, bookmarks, reading charts and reading certificates. This year, we will also be selling backpack/bookbags that feature Camp Wanna Read artwork by illustrator Marty Kelley. Ordering information will be posted to the CHILIS listserv.

The CHILIS Spring Conference is scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2005 in Milford. The all-day conference will include the Kids, Books and the Arts showcase. Look for registration forms on the CHILIS website sometime in February 2005.

Nominations for the 2005 Ladybug Picture Book Award will be accepted until January 26, 2005. Nominations should be sent to Diana Greenleaf at dgreenleaf@windhamsd.org. For information criteria, visit the webpage on the Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library at www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/programs/ladybug.html.

The N.H. Teen Book Award, sponsored by the N.H. Library Association, is accepting nominations until mid-January. Teens in grades 9-12 can nominate fiction or nonfiction books that appeal to teens, with publication dates from 2002-2005. Nominations should be given to public or school librarians. A committee will select 13 nominated titles in April, and teens will vote for their favorite book the following spring. For more information, please contact Ann Hoey at ahoey@library.state.nh.us.

GRANT RESOURCES

I just wanted to remind small rural libraries that there are two good grant sources for new children's books: the Children's Literacy Foundation and the Libri Foundation. Both ask for some matching funds, but the grant applications are relatively easy to complete and the match requirements are reasonable. The next round of applications for each foundation is coming up - February 1st for CLiF and March 15th for the Libri Foundation.

To access information and applications, visit the websites below. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ann Hoey at 271-2865 or by e-mail at ahoey@library.state.nh.us

The website addresses are: <http://www.clifonline.org/> and <http://www.librifoundation.org/>.

NEW HAMPSHIRE RECEIVES GATES FOUNDATION GRANT

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has approved the N.H. State Library's application for \$172,520 in matching "Staying Connected" grant program funds to benefit New Hampshire's public libraries. The grant period for use of these funds is January 2005 through December 2007. The purpose of this grant is to support the needs of all public libraries in New Hampshire in their public access computing sustainability efforts.

- ▶ \$87,155 will fund training for public library staff who assist with public access computing
- ▶ \$86,365 will establish a technology technical support program at the State Library for New Hampshire's public libraries

Funds for training support (\$87,155) will expand on the training provided through the Gates U.S. Library Training grant program which ends in December 2004. The Gates Training Grant brought \$23,550 to New Hampshire to provide technology training for public library staff. Training reached 154 librarians in 30 sessions representing 148 library buildings during 2004.

The Gates U.S. Library Initiative began in New Hampshire with the submission of a State Partnership Grant application in 2001. This initiative brought \$428,088 to 34 New Hampshire public libraries in the form of computers, software, and training.

For more information on Staying Connected New Hampshire, contact Janet Eklund, Administrator of Library Operations, N.H. State Library at (603) 271-2393 or e-mail jeklund@library.state.nh.us.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOKS COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell
N.H. State Library

Allen, Wilma. **THREE CENTURIES ON THE SOUHEGAN RIVER: BIRTHPLACE OF IDEAS AND INDUSTRY.** Double-U Books, PO Box 57, Rindge, N.H. 03461. \$13.95, plus \$2.00 S&H. ISBN 0-9637690-2-2

The Souhegan River is only 34 miles in length, but important new industries have been launched on its shores, such as the state's first industrial cotton mill 200 years ago. The river powered a gristmill that introduced a new product - oatmeal, and nourished farms where the first potato starch extractor was invented. The author's lively narrative is complemented by color photographs depicting the river today.

Bennett, Randall H. **THE WHITE MOUNTAINS: ALPS OF NEW ENGLAND.** Arcadia. (Images of America series) 2003 \$24.99 ISBN 0-7385-2433-6

Sequel and expansion of the author's previous book on the White Mountains which was first published in 1994.

Cantele, Andi Marie. **BACKROAD BICYCLING IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Backcountry Guides. 2004 \$16.95 ISBN 0-88150-610-9

This guide covers 32 scenic rides, chosen for their natural beauty or historic significance, along country lanes, complete with mile-by-mile directions, and easy-to-follow maps.

Cleary, Jacqueline Rogers. **WAITING FOR WILLIAM: LETTERS FROM WOLFEBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Infinity.com. 2004 Can be ordered through BuyBooksOnTheWeb.com. \$20.95, plus \$4.50 S&H, for 1 copy; an additional \$1.00 for each book. ISBN 0-7414-21143-3

In 1969 the historical society of Wolfeboro received a bunch of 19th century letters found in a home in Missouri. These were letters from Martha Orne in Wolfeboro to William Rogers who was seeking his fortune in the midwest. Using a combination of primary source history and fiction, the author brings these two correspondents to life for the reader.

Cousineau, Michael. **SEASON TICKET: SIX MONTHS INSIDE MANCHESTER'S NEW ARENA.** Peter E. Randall. Order from Road Trip Press, PO Box 34, Hudson, N.H. 03051-0034. 2004 \$17.95 ISBN 0-9723109-2-4

The author, a sports reporter, conceived the idea of writing a book about the first sports arena in Manchester. He acquired a season ticket to every sports event, and every concert and hockey game. He found the stories in the stands sometimes rivaled the ticketed event itself. This book tells these stories.

Evans, Benjamin D., and June R. Evans. **NEW ENGLAND'S COVERED BRIDGES: A COMPLETE GUIDE.** University Press of New England. 2004 \$29.95 ISBN 1-58465-320-5

The majority of the 206 bridges listed in this book are in the states of Vermont and New Hampshire. Information for each bridge includes location, specific directions, year of construction, truss design, number of spans, length and width, name of the waterway it crosses, national register data and any anecdotal material. Color photographs of the covered bridges accompany the text.

Fuller, Abby H. **PERSISTENCE AND PROGRESS: A HISTORY OF THE DALAND MEMORIAL LIBRARY, MONT VERNON, NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1892-1992.** Order from the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library, PO Box 335, Mont Vernon, N.H. 03057. 2004 \$15.00

This book was written to celebrate one hundred years of Mont Vernon's public library. It is interesting to note that from 1816 to 1860 the town had a private circulating library which was incorporated by the New Hampshire Legislature. This chronicle of the library's founding and the subsequent years is further enhanced by the inclusion of a CD which includes photographs and text pertaining to the library and the town.

Harris, Marie. Illustrated by Karen Busch Holman. **PRIMARY NUMBERS: A NEW HAMPSHIRE NUMBER BOOK.** Sleeping Bear Press. 2004 \$16.95

Another book by the New Hampshire former poet laureate to teach children about numbers and the Granite State. Topics such as the Cog Railway, fishing, loons, and moose are covered in this lively counting book. Holman resides in East Andover.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. **THE GREAT STONE FACE.** Updated by P.J. Saine. Blue Plate Press, distributed by University Press of New England. 2004 \$17.95 ISBN 0-9749043-1-7

This version of Nathaniel Hawthorne's classic work is based on the text printed in the original 1851 first edition, updating the language to 20th century usage. Illustrated with reproductions of vintage New Hampshire postcards of the Old Man of the Mountain and other New Hampshire scenes.

Hession, John, and Valerie Michaud. **WILDFLOWERS OF THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.** Huntington Graphics. 2003 \$7.95 ISBN 1-886064-16-4

Color photographs of 250 wildflowers are accompanied by identifying information in this pocket-sized field guide to New Hampshire's wildflowers, from valley to summit.

Keary, Lianne E.H. **NEW LONDON**. Arcadia (Images of America series) 2003 \$19.99
ISBN 0-7385-1322-9

Archival photographs chronicle life in New London during the first half of the twentieth century. The town was incorporated in 1779 under the name of Heidelberg.

Kenison, Arthur M. **AN ELECTRIFYING HISTORY: PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Old Manor Publishing Co., Manchester. 2004 Price unknown. ISBN 0-9747361-0-4

This book tells the history of the Manchester Traction, Light and Power Co., and its successor, the Public Service Company of New Hampshire, highlighting some of the company's management luminaries and employees. The introduction of electricity to New Hampshire is examined, along with the building of the controversial nuclear Seabrook Station, and the regulation and deregulation of electricity. The author is a professor at Saint Anselm's College.

Knoblock, Glenn A. **"STRONG AND BRAVE FELLOWS": NEW HAMPSHIRE'S BLACK SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, 1775-1784**. McFarland & Co. 2003 \$35.96 ISBN 0-7864-1548-7

Beginning with a section describing black life in New Hampshire before, during and after the American Revolution, the author endeavors to give a full and personal account of the role black soldiers played during the war. Information is included on campaigns and engagements that these soldiers were known to have taken part in, along with the service records of all known black soldiers with ties to New Hampshire.

Levin, Meryl and Will Kanteres. **PRIMARILY NEW HAMPSHIRE**. Third Rail Press. 2004 \$35.00
ISBN 0-9702744-1-6

"A year in the life of presidential campaign staffers explored in photographs & words." The words of 30 campaign operatives who held various positions on seven active New Hampshire campaign staffs are overlaid on the pictures that Meryl Levin took during the year long campaign. The result makes you feel more like a participant than an observer in the New Hampshire primary race.

LIVING IN THE LAP OF HISTORY: A CHECKLIST OF SOME HISTORIC SITES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. Published by the New Hampshire State Organization Daughters of the American Revolution. Order from Mrs. Judith Erikson, 3 Little John Ct., Merrimack, N.H. 03054-3141. 2004 \$20.00, plus \$5.00 S&H.

The result of a project to publish a printed listing of the many memorials and tablets placed at historic sites by the Chapters of the NHSODAR. Arranged by regions, this spiral bound book includes photographs and historical information about people and places memorialized in the Granite State.

Lyon, Harold C., Jr. **ANGLING IN THE SMILE OF THE GREAT SPIRIT: SIX CENTURIES OF WISDOM FROM THE MASTER ANGLERS OF LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE**. Deep Waters Press, Suite 100, 70 Court Street, Laconia, N.H. 03246. 2004 \$29.95 ISBN 0-9748171-0-4

Dr. Lyon and other Master Anglers share their cumulative years of learning about the lake, and the often-evasive fish which live in it. They reveal tips on best lures, depths, speeds, and techniques for angling in any northern glacial lake. A chapter is included on ice fishing.

Mandel, Norma H. **BEYOND THE GARDEN GATE: THE LIFE OF CELIA LAIGHTON THAXTER**. University Press of New England. 2004 \$24.95 ISBN 1-58465-297-7

Drawing on previously unpublished letters, memories by family members, Thaxter's own writings and other sources, this new biography traces the difficulties Celia endured as well as her literary triumphs.

NEW HAMPSHIRE OLD HOUSE & BARN RESOURCE DIRECTORY 2004. Order from New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, PO Box 268, Concord, N.H. 03301. Tele.: 224-2281. Website: www.nhpreservation.org. 2004 \$6.50

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance receives many requests to find skilled help with expertise to work on older buildings. This resource directory includes over 100 listings to help homeowners find the products, services, and townspeople for repair and restoration projects.

Noyes, Harlan A. **WHERE SETTLERS' FEET HAVE TROD: A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF DUNBARTON'S OLD HOMES AND STRUCTURES.** Published by the Town of Dunbarton. 2004 \$25.00, plus \$3.75 S&H. Call Dunbarton Public Library for ordering instructions, Tele.: 774-3546.

Compiled with the assistance of the Dunbarton Historical Awareness Committee, this work contains over two hundred illustrations of old Dunbarton homes, complete with descriptive text. Humorous items from the archives, anecdotes, and odd items from the public record are included.

Polidoro, J.P. **LAVATORY 101: A BATHROOM OF KNOWLEDGE.** Xlibris Corporation. 2004 \$24.99 ISBN 1-4134-6609-5

An entertaining collection of trivia, quotations, facts, folk remedies and humorous anecdotes make this volume a worthy addition to your bathroom reading. In fact, people may be pounding on the door to snatch it from you!

Rogers, Stillman. **IT HAPPENED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Globe Pequot Press. 2004 \$9.95 ISBN 0-7627-2600-8

This informative and entertaining volume takes readers on a tour of some of the fascinating characters and episodes that mark the state's eventful past. Included are the Willey Slide; the tragic tale of Lizzie Bourne's death on Mount Washington; the history of the Concord Coach and the Cog Railway; the visit of George Washington to Portsmouth.

Roper, Stephanie Abbot, and Scott C. Roper. **CITIZENS SOLDIERS: NEW HAMPSHIRE LAFAYETTE ARTILLERY COMPANY, 1804-2004.** Peter E. Randall, Publisher. Order from Stephanie Roper, 2608 8th Ave., Canyon, TX 79015 or e-mail: artillerybooks@aol.com. 2004 \$25.00 postpaid. ISBN 1-931807-24-8

The Lafayette Artillery Company is the oldest continuously active militia unit in New Hampshire. Although the unit was organized in Peterborough, it has been based in Lyndeborough since 1833. Researched from state and local documents, town histories, newspapers, and the LAC's own archives, this study traces the evolution of the organization. It is presently known for its Civil War reenactments.

Rowe, Robert H. and William P. Veillette. **AMHERST HISTORICAL MOMENTS, AMHERST, NEW HAMPSHIRE.** Peter E. Randall, Publisher. Order from Historical Society of Amherst, N.H., PO Box 717, Amherst, N.H. 03031. 2004 \$24.95 ISBN 1-931807-25-6

Amherst was chosen as the shire town for Hillsborough County in 1769, and became an active trading center. The town was the birthplace of Horace Greeley, the marriage site of Franklin Pierce, the summer residence of Robert Frost. This volume presents historical and anecdotal narratives, along with 142 historic and present day images, mostly from the archives of the Historical Society of Amherst.

Saine, P.J. **NEW HAMPSHIRE ROCK PORTRAITS.** Blue Plate Press, distributed by University Press of New England. 2004 \$18.95 ISBN 0-9749043-0-9

After the fall of the Old Man of the Mountain, the author was inspired to photograph other rock faces around New Hampshire. Use your creative eye to find the faces in these whimsical photographs included in this book.

Sammons, Mark J., and Valerie Cunningham. **BLACK PORTSMOUTH: THREE CENTURIES OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE.** University Press of New England. 2004 \$19.95
ISBN 1-58465-289-6

This book guides the reader through three centuries of New England and Portsmouth social, political, economic, and cultural history; chronicles the lives of black individuals and their effect on the development of Portsmouth.

Smolan, Rick, and David Elliot Cohen. **NEW HAMPSHIRE 24/7.** DK Publishing. 2004 \$24.95
ISBN 0-7566-0069-3

Published simultaneously with the **America 24/7 State Book** series, which consists of 50 books showcasing each state's best photographs from the **America 24/7 Project**, this coffee table book portrays the New Hampshire way of life and the beauty of its landscape.

Wallner, Peter A. **FRANKLIN PIERCE: NEW HAMPSHIRE'S FAVORITE SON.** Plaidswede Publishing. 2004 \$29.95 ISBN 0-9755216-1-6

The first of two volumes on the life and career of Franklin Pierce is an engagingly written account of his early years and his rise to national prominence. It concludes when he is elected as President, and recounts the tragic accidental death of his son, Benjamin.

VIETNAM MOVING WALL COMING TO GOFFSTOWN

The Goffstown Public Library will host the Vietnam Moving Wall at Goffstown High School in July, 2005 as a community-wide project for all ages. This will be a great opportunity for those in the area who have not seen the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C. to pay their respects to fallen heroes and loved ones.

The Moving Wall is the half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial that has been touring the country for about twenty years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of "The Wall." He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. John, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver, and other Vietnam veteran volunteers built The Moving Wall. It went on display for the first time in Tyler, Texas in October of 1984. Two structures of The Moving Wall now travel the United States from April through November, spending about a week at each site. The Moving Wall has only visited New Hampshire three times in twenty years, though smaller "unofficial" replicas have been displayed.

There are many requirements for sponsoring The Wall that the Goffstown Public Library is committed to following with due honor and respect for those whose names appear on The Wall. It will be important to maintain an atmosphere that is dignified and respectful while The Wall is present in our community. No vendors will be permitted on the grounds of Goffstown High School while The Wall is present in order to sell memorabilia of any kind. The Wall will be lighted throughout the night to allow for private visits and remembrance and volunteers will be present at The Wall 24 hours per day to assist the public in locating names. Opening and closing ceremonies are being planned to honor local veterans as well as those whose names are represented on The Wall. All artifacts left at the site including letters, poems and flags, will be collected by the library staff and sent to the Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. for preservation and storage.

An event such as this one will take hundreds of volunteers and many monetary donations to pay for the affiliated costs. Any group or individual wanted to volunteer should contact Sandy Whipple or Dianne Hathaway at the Goffstown Public Library at 497-2102. Donations are being accepted in person or by mail to: Goffstown Public Library, 2 High Street, Goffstown, N.H. 03045. Please be sure to note "The Moving Wall" on the front of the envelope. The staff and trustees of the Goffstown Public Library are proud to be working with the Vietnam Combat Veterans, Ltd. to bring this amazing memorial to Goffstown.

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UPCOMING STATE ARTS COUNCIL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The N.H. State Council on the Arts announces the next deadlines for mini-grants of \$250-\$1,000 offered by the N.H. State Council on the Arts.

The following are eligible to apply for a mini-grant from the N.H. State Council on the Arts: Libraries; Professional New Hampshire artists who have been evaluated and accepted for participation in the Artist Roster, Traditional Arts Listing, Percent for Art, or Artist Fellowships; N.H. Arts and non-arts organizations; alternative education sites for special needs students; New Hampshire public school educators; and Schools (pre-Kinder-garten to Grade 12) seeking fee support to bring artists into the school.

Mini-grants must be matched on a one-to-one cash basis. Complete guidelines and downloadable application forms for these and other grants offered by the State Arts Council are available on the web at www.state.nh.us/nharts. For more information about Mini Grants, contact Judy Rigmont at jrigmont@nharts.state.nh.us or (603) 271-0794.

Mini-grants are offered quarterly on the following deadlines:

- ✓ **April 1, 2005** for projects beginning on or after July 1, 2005
- ✓ **July 1, 2005** for project beginning on or after October 1, 2005
- ✓ **October 3, 2005** for projects beginning on or after January 1, 2006

The N.H. State Council on the Arts, the state's arts agency, provides grants and services to help New Hampshire's artists and arts organizations reach the widest possible audience with their work.

NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Greiner, Joy Marilyn. *Exemplary public libraries: lessons in leadership, management, and service*. Libraries Unlimited, 2004. ISBN 0313310696

McCook, Kathleen de la Pena. *Introduction to public librarianship*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2004. ISBN 1555704751

CONGRATULATIONS TO GOODWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

by Susan Palmatier
N.H. State Library
North Country Office, Lancaster

"Just plain fabulous libraries whose public access programs really work for their community." These criteria distinguish members of an elite group at WebJunction, an online community by and for librarians. The Goodwin Library in Farmington was named the **WJ Library of the Month** in September 2004. To see the full story ~ *Goodwin Public Library (Farmington, NH): Pride of the Yankees* ~ go to <http://webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=548>; for a printer-friendly version, go to <http://webjunction.org/do/PrinterFriendlyContnet?id=7777>. As the introduction to the article says: "A dynamic director and a handful of Gates Foundation computers have been enough to re-energize a New England town's library - and its whole community."

The new technology is bringing new patrons in droves: 900 registered users in 1999, 2,100 today ~ that's almost 40% of Farmington's population. And those patrons are doing more than just using computers; they're checking out books, videos, magazines, and books on tape, asking reference questions, and attending programs. Director Debbie Christie has reintroduced children's programming, with story hours, a summer reading program, school visits, and outreach to Head Start and other day-care centers.

Soon the library will be accessible to people with disabilities, attracting even more patrons. A Friends group has been started. Goodwin Library is now, as it should be, a community center that, according to WebJunction author Joseph Anderson, "has worked to establish itself as a key resource for delivering vital new skills and training to the local population. In the process, it has resuscitated the community's interest not only in the library but also in the possibilities that library services bring."

If you're not familiar with WebJunction, take the time to explore. If you want to just investigate its various communities, or read up on trends and developments in the library world, go ahead. If you want to get the full benefit of membership in WebJunction, be sure to register. It's free and easy: Just go to <http://webjunction.org/do/Home> and click on the blue Register button at the top right corner of the screen.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY PRESS JOINS UPNE

Northeastern University Press, which announced earlier this year that it would close at the end of 2004 got a last-minute reprieve last month when it joined University Press of New England in Lebanon, N.H. Northeastern's Publishing strengths are in criminal justice, New England titles and ethnic and women's studies.

Although the Northeastern University Press name will continue and its backlist of 400 titles will be distributed by UPNE, the press's offices will close in mid-January since UPNE handles all the day-to-day publishing activities of its members.

Northeastern is the second university press to join the 34-year-old consortium in the past year. The University of Vermont joined UPNE late in 2003. Other members include presses from Brandeis University, Dartmouth College, the University of New Hampshire, and Tufts University.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TALKING BOOKS

by John Barrett, Supervisor
Talking Book Section

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CONSERVATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY FROM THE N.H. STATE LIBRARY

The N.H. State Library announces the next round of "Mooseplate" Conservation grants for FY2005/2006. Complete guidelines and downloadable application forms will be available on the web in mid-January 2005 at www.nh.gov/nhsl/moose.html. Application deadline for this round is May 2, 2005.

Public libraries, all state and local municipal agencies, historical societies, and institutions within the University System of New Hampshire and the N.H. Community Technical Colleges are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 for conservation of paper documents and artifacts that are of cultural important to New Hampshire. Conservation projects can encompass a number of activities, including, but not limited to, preservation micro-filming, consultant services for preservation assessments, processing of archives and manuscripts, creation of finding aids and custom conservation treatments. Digitization projects are ineligible.

For more information about the Mooseplate Conservation Program or to inquire about project or applicant eligibility, contact Janet Eklund at (603) 271-2393 or e-mail jeklund@library.state.nh.us.

NEW DEAN OF LIBRARIES AT DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Jeffrey Horrell is the new dean of libraries at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. He comes from Harvard University, where he has worked since 1992, most recently as associate librarian for collections. He ran the Sherman Art Library at Dartmouth in the 1980s. Horrell will oversee nine libraries, 175 staff members, and an annual budget of almost \$20 million.

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM

Barrington, Barrington Public Library - The months during pregnancy hold some of the most magical moments in a woman's life, as well as some interesting challenges. Many of you have used sage, ginger & turmeric in cooking, and perhaps some of you have even enjoyed a cup of chamomile tea. Come learn, Tuesday, January 11th, how these and other herbs can be used throughout your pregnancy to help with things like morning sickness, gestational diabetes, iron deficiency, and heartburn. You'll also hear about herbs that should not be used during pregnancy. We'll talk about herbs and aromatherapy that can be very helpful during childbirth, and afterward, in the postpartum weeks.

Tuesday, May 10th - Flashes and flushes and chills, oh my! Laughter, depression, and many long sighs! Menopause has been likened to the metamorphosis of a butterfly. This evening you'll hear about herbs that can help you through this amazing transition, from a menopausal herbalist! Come learn about black cohosh, red clover, motherwort, St. Johnswort, shepherd's purse, dandelion, vitex and other exquisite plants that help ease women's menopausal journey. We'll talk about the most effective ways to use them; we'll also discuss herb/drug interactions.

Wendy Snow Fogg, founding director of Misty Meadows Herbal Center (1989) in Lee, N.H. has been studying and working with the healing plants for more than 20 years. She maintains a private herbal practice and teaching duties, as well as running the retail shop at Misty Meadows, a 160 acre farm where she lives with her husband, Clyde. It is Wendy's goal to continue to learn about medicinal plants, and to share that knowledge wherever it is sought, for in honoring the green world, we will reconnect with our planet and our innermost wise selves. Non-Residents are welcomed to attend!

*-submitted by Amy Inglis, Director
Barrington Public Library, Barrington*

Exeter, Phillips-Exeter Academy - Billy Collins, former U.S. Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry (2001-2003), will open the Academy Library's Lamont Poetry series this year with a reading from his work on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Academy Building of Phillips-Exeter Academy. The reading is free and open to the public.

Billy Collins is the author of seven volumes of poetry and creator of the Poetry 180: A Poem a Day for American High Schools, a website and anthology designed to "broaden the audience of poetry beyond the precincts of its practitioners." It is Collins's hope that the "program would suggest to young people the notion that poetry can be a part of everyday life as well as a subject to be studied in the classroom." Collins's honors include fellowships at the New York Foundation for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Guggenheim Foundation. He has also been awarded the Oscar Blumenthal Prize, the Bess Hokin Prize, the Frederick Bock Prize, and the Levinson Prize - all awarded by *Poetry Magazine*.

Upon his appointment as Poet Laureate, Librarian of Congress James H. Billington said, "Billy Collins's poetry is widely accessible. He writes in an original way about all manner of ordinary things and situations with both humor and a surprising contemplative twist."

Billy Collins is a Distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College, City University of New York, where he has taught for the past 30 years. He is also a writer-in-residence at Sarah Lawrence College and served as a Literary Lion of the New York Public Library. He lives in Somers, N.Y.

The Lamont Poetry Society, endowed in 1982 by Corliss Lamot, PEA 1920, continues to bring remarkable poets to Exeter and remains a testimony to Mr. Lamont who died in 1995.

For further information contact Jacquelyn H. Thomas, Academy Librarian at (603) 777-3328.

*-submitted by Edouard Desrochers
Phillips-Exeter Academy, Exeter*

Effingham, Effingham Public Library - The Effingham Public Library is pleased to announce the recent open house and dedication of our Children's Room on Saturday, November 13th, 2004. Our special guest speaker was Tom Ladd, Education Coordinator at the N.H. State Library in Concord. The event was well attended by over 50 people and refreshments were generously provided by the Friends of the Effingham Library.

Patrons viewed the newly expanded library space that now incorporates the entire first floor of the historic town hall building. The recent expansion has allowed for a separate office area, computer room and a children's room. The large common room now holds the circulation desk and offers comfortable sitting areas and additional shelf space for paperbacks and reference books.

Since September 2004, the collections have been expanded, a children's story hour added every Saturday morning from 10:00-11:00 and two new staff members are on board. Marilyn O'Kelly of Tamworth is the new Director and Linda Dalpe of Effingham is the new Children's Librarian. The Athena software system has been installed and library staff have begun entering the collection into the database. Also, after school homework help and Saturday morning math tutor volunteers are available for students. Future programs are underway for January for a poetry reading night and a book chat group.

Additional highlighted events were a Children's Halloween Costume Party with special guest face painter, Vicki Kirkwood of Effingham. The party was held on Saturday, October 30th, 2004 and was well attended and enjoyed by all. Refreshments and prizes for costumes were presented to all the goblins in attendance. A Victorian Christmas Children's Tea Party with special guest, Joan Lanum of Drake Farm in Effingham, was held on Saturday, December 18th, 2004 from 10:00-12:00 noon. Period costume and old fashioned stories and refreshments, a yankee gift swap and door prizes were presented. A great time was had by all.

*-submitted by Linda Dalph, Children's Librarian
Effingham Public Library, Effingham*

Nashua, Nashua Public Library - The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini has been selected as the book for Nashua's One City, One Book program in 2005. Set in the tumult of Afghanistan of the past thirty years, **The Kite Runner** is a heartbreaking story of an unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant. Chosen by a committee with representatives from the Nashua Public Library and other community groups, the book is the first Afghan novel to be written in English. The novel, a bestseller that has won several awards, explores theme of friendship, betrayal, and redemption.

Book discussions and other programs relating to the book, including presentations on Afghanistan, Islam, and kite flying, are planned throughout the community for March and April 2005. Additional information will be available soon at www.nashua.lib.nh.us or call 589-4610.

Fish 2005 ~ Following a long tradition, in January the Nashua Public Library will hold a series of programs on fishing. Topics include Ice Fishing in New Hampshire (January 5), Fishing the Upper Connecticut River (January 13), New English In-Shore Angling (January 20), and The Art of History of Bamboo Fishing Rods (January 27). All programs are at 7:00 p.m.

For more details: www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=NASHUA or call 589-4610.

*-submitted by Carol Eyman
Nashua Public Library, Nashua*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Ellen Stiles, 89, of Center Strafford, died November 25, 2004 after a long illness. She was born in Antrim on November 5, 1915, the daughter of Lewis and Frances (Weed) Brown, and moved to Center Strafford as a young child. She graduated from Austin-Cate Academy in 1934 and the University of New Hampshire in 1938. The following year she married her husband, Walton Stiles.

She was an active member of the Third Baptist Church in Center Strafford. She served on many boards and committees, taught Sunday school and was treasurer for nearly 40 years. She had also served several terms as a trustee of the American Baptist Churches of New Hampshire. Always an avid reader, she became the librarian at Hill Library in 1977, a position she held for 10 years. She was a founding member of the Strafford Women's Club and was a member of the Grange for more than 60 years.

She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Walton Stiles, and her daughter and husband, Gail and Michael Barry; two grandsons, four great granddaughters, nephew and sister-in-law all of Center Strafford; and several cousins.

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